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SUBJECT: PRC: DEPUTY SECRETARY STEINBERG'S SEPTEMBER 29,
2009 CONVERSATION WITH STATE COUNCILOR DAI BINGGUO
Classified By: Political Minister Counselor Aubrey Carlson. Reasons 1 .4 (b/d).
1. (SBU) September 29, 2009; 3:00 p.m.; Zhongnanhai Leadership Compound; Beijing
2. (SBU) Participants:
U.S.

The Deputy Secretary Amb. Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., Embassy Beijing Joseph Donovan, EAP Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Rear Admiral
PRC

State Councilor Dai Bingguo Vice Foreign Minister He Yafei Guan Youfei, Ministry of National Defense, Deputy Director, International Office Zhe
13. (S) SUMMARY: In a September 29 meeting with State Councilor Dai Bingguo, the Deputy Secretary stressed the importance of persuading Pyongyang
Full Strategy to Address North Korea

14. (S) The Deputy Secretary met with State Councilor Dai Bingguo for an eighty-minute discussion on North Korea, Iran, and the U.S.-China rela
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a senior North Korean official and would use the any bilateral discussion to encourage Pyongyang to return to the Six-Party Talks. The Deputy S
U.S.-China Relations on Positive Track

15. (S) State Councilor Dai said that President Obama and President Hu had had several opportunities to meet in recent months. After watching t
Dai's Visit to Pyongyang

16. (S) Regarding his recent visit to Pyongyang, Dai briefly recounted his two-hour meeting with DPRK leader Kim Jong-il. Dai said he was on re
17. (S) Dai said that he had had frank and blunt discussions with DPRK First Vice Foreign Minister Kang Suk-ju that totaled over two and one ha
18. (S) Even though he had not had an opportunity to visit or observe any place other than Pyongyang, Dai said, his impression of North Korea w
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appeared focused on two issues: improving its relationship with the United States and developing its economy.
U.S.-DPRK Bilateral Engagement

19. (S) China was aware that the United States was considering possible re-engagement with North Korea and supported U.S.-DPRK bilateral discus
10. (S) The Deputy Secretary thanked Dai for sharing his perceptions of the North Korea nuclear issue and stressed that President Obama wanted
Iran

11. (S) The Deputy Secretary said the United States valued the joint effort it took to create the P5-plus-1 foreign ministers statement on Ira
12. (S) Dai responded that China and the United States saw eye to eye on the Iran nuclear issue. Nuclear states should reduce their nuclear ar
13. (S) Dai characterized President Obama's policy to resolve issues through dialogue and engagement as "wise." Sanctions might work up to a p
14. (S) The Deputy replied that it was Iran that was "impatient" in its ongoing program of uranium enrichment in violation of the UNSC resolut
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U.S. National Security Strategy

15. (S) Noting the Deputy's interest in "strategy" Dai asked whether the Obama administration had an overarching national security strategy. t
President Obama Visit to China

16. (S) Dai said that President Obama had recently told President Hu that he looked forward to having a "magnificent" visit to China. Asked hc
Global Nuclear Security Summit

17. (S) Asked about U.S.-sought outcomes and goals for the Nuclear Security Summit, the Deputy Secretary explained that President Obama had le
The Same Boat

18. (S) The U.S.-China relationship was of crucial importance, said Dai. China would do its best to cooperate with the United States wherever
19. (U) The Deputy Secretary cleared this message. HUNTSMAN